

Minutes, unapproved
29 January 2016
2.30-4pm
Provost's Conference Room

Present: Beckmann, S.; Belasen, A.; Bell-Werner, M.; Fox, Abbie; Omondi, L.; Roucka, T.; Smallman, L.
Guests: Dean, V; Toberman, I.

I. Approval of Minutes

A. 2 November 2015: Belasen motioned approval; Roucka seconded. Approved unanimously.

B. 7 December 2015: Roucka motioned approval; Smallman seconded. Approved unanimously.

II. Undergraduate Catalogue Copy

A. Courses

B. Program

The Council suggested a variety of minor editorial changes; the director will make them.

III. Assignment of Tasks

A. Equivalencies between honors courses and Lincoln Program

Ian Toberman and one faculty member; draft by 26 February

Eric asked Ian to draft a set of equivalencies; he will recruit one of the following faculty: Dr. Berger, Dr. Seltzer, Dr. Voss.

B. Diversity Plan

Two faculty members, one student, and student affairs representative to develop a draft plan and bring it to the council by 18 March

Discussion of this matter was put off until our next meeting on 26 February.

C. Assessment Plan

One faculty member to work with Erin Behnen and me; draft by 8 April

Dr. Belasen volunteered to work with Eric on this matter.

D. Meridian Mentoring

One student, one other to work with Parth M. and I on trial of a new way of assigning mentors; to be part of the Meridian Retreat Fall 2016; plan due by 22 April

Discussion of this matter was put off until our next meeting on 26 February.

IV. Updates from Director

A. Meeting with Pharmacy

Ian and Eric met with deans and faculty from the School of Pharmacy to discuss final issues about integrating the proposed honors curriculum with the pharmacy program. Positive meeting. Discussion of making Honors 499 a pharmacy elective; Pharmacy faculty approved that in January 2016.

B. Meeting with SEHHB

Ian and Eric met with the program directors of SEHHB to update them on honors reform.

C. Meridian Selection Process

Eric updated the council on the Meridian selection process. New procedures working well: of the 160 semi-finalists, deep diversity in multiple dimensions (academic interest, geographic location, racial/ethnic identification)

D. Retention in Program Issues

Eric updated the council about his effort to revise the proposed honors policy that is currently in front of the Faculty Senate. The way we wrote the policy about honors probation/retention remain ambiguous; the Chair of the Curriculum Council told him that policy language could not be amended on the floor of the Faculty Senate. These modifications will have to be made next year.

E. Budget Meeting with Provost

Eric met with the Provost and James Schram on 15 Jan to discuss the budget of the Honors Program for FY17; the program's base budget was raised to \$206,000 for FY17.

F. Meeting with the Curriculum Council (21 January 2016)

Honors 499 was approved by the Committee on Assessment; all honors courses approved. Expectation that Faculty Senate will approve honors reform on 4 Feb.